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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Examiner:

Applicant submits this Amendment After Final Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 along with a petition for a one-month extension of time in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 24, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following Amendments and Remarks into the file of this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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